

Remarks

Claims 2 through 6 have been amended to remedy the cited informalities. Claim 1 further has been amended to identify the “module” in the last line of the claim as “said at least one module.” Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims has presented, principally relying on Furukawa and Ikeda, respectfully is requested in view of the following comments.

The claimed invention relates to a method of protecting against the tampering of a device of a motor vehicle used to control various operations of the vehicle. In particular, it provides against the use of improper data stored in the memory of the controlling device. In such device, identifiers are employed to make certain that appropriate data in read-only memory components is provided for the appropriate control of the various operating components of the vehicle. Furukawa discloses a method for use in an application entirely remote and distinct from the application of the claimed invention. It essentially relates to simply identifying object image streams in a sequence of image streams by means of assigning identifiers to such object image streams. It in no manner utilizes identifiers of data stored in memory which may be accessed and compared with similar assigned identifiers for assuring proper data for use in controlling the operations of a vehicle. Ikeda similarly does not relate to the control of a motor vehicle but simply provides for accessing a device such as a personal computer, a cellular phone, an electronic camera or a television set through the use of a card insertable in a slot of one of such devices. It does not relate to a method for providing against the tampering of a controller for a motor vehicle and further does not provide for initially assigning an identifier to a set of data stored in memory, providing a comparison of such identifier with a similar identifier in the internal memory of a microprocessor of the controller and possibly regenerating such identifier

to prevent the improper usage of a memory with unsuitable data in the control of different operations of a vehicle.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the rejection of Applicants' claims be withdrawn, such claims be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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